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SUBJECT: MORE CONTINUING IMPACT OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS
ON ARGENTINA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6922

1. (U) SPEAKING TO AN IMPRESARIAL GROUP AUGUST 23, JUNTA MEMBER AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENRAL RAUL GRAFFIGNA ADDED HIS VOICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN OUT IN REACTION TO THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS ON ARGENTINA. IN THE PROCESS OF DEFENDING THE JUNTA'S RECORD FROM BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CRITICS, GENERAL GRAFFIGNA STATED THAT THE GOA IS SUBJECT TO "UNJUST ATTACKS FROM FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS MOMENTARILY DISORIENTED BY LACK OF INFORMATION.... IN THESE FRIENDLY NATIONS THERE ARE MEN WHO MAKE MISTAKES BECAUSED THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SO."

2. COMMENT: GENERAL GRAFFIGNA SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS IN PERSPECTIVE WHILE PUTTING THE BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT ON THEM FROM THE ARGENTINE POINT OF VIEW.

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